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Tilte: Need to start construction of Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge over river Brahmaputra.

SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL (DHUBRI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards a long pending public demand for construction of Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge over river Brahamputra which will connect Assam and Meghalaya with the rest of the nation. Presently, people have to travel long distance by road or through water way between Dhubri and Phulbari putting their lives at risk. Several incidents have taken place in which many people have lost their lives.

The project was already included under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) but unfortunately this has been kept pending since several years. Due to importance of this bridge, I have been pursuing this matter for the last six years. I have written several letters as well as I have met concerned ministers and officers on the issue but no development has taken place so far. In February 2013, the then Union Minister of Road & Transport and Highways announced that his ministry had decided to start the construction of a bridge over Brahmaputra to link Dhubri on the north bank and Phulbari on the south bank which will be a part of Rs 1763.27 crore project. However, the project is yet to be started.

I humbly request the Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways with consultation to the Hon'ble Finance Minister to take necessary action to start construction of Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge at the earliest for the larger interest of people.